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Dear Coworkers:

What youth need today is:

1. Action or activity toward some useful purpose, not enforced confinement.
2. Satisfaction from productive and useful accomplishment, not just empty praise or winning.
3. A chance to learn and serve through apprenticeship or adult-like tasks in preparation for life--not make believe or busywork.
4. Adults who serve as good examples rather than hypocritical pretenders.
5. Bodies that are developed to their best physical potential.
6. Minds that are developed through practical, real-life experience as well as by academic exercise.
7. Personal standards and ideals that are based on lasting and satisfying spiritual values.
8. Camping and out-of-doors experiences that develop an appreciation of nature and living things.

To a remarkable degree the objectives and program of the 4-H Clubs symbolize these needs of youth today. As I have observed it here and abroad, this wonderful 4-H program is putting into direct action the concepts and recommendations that I have mentioned and which are so apparent in this conference. I have watched and admired it in the United States and have thrilled to the progress it is helping bring to the Philippines, Asia, Africa, and Latin-American countries. I am happy now to present to you the man who gives generously of himself and the administrative support of his office in order to make 4-H Club work possible--Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of Agriculture.

The points above are paraphrased from the remarks of Vice President Richard M. Nixon. He thus spoke to 120 delegates attending the first annual meeting of the President's Advisory Committee on Youth Fitness at West Point, N.Y., September 9 and 10. This incidental tribute to 4-H Club work will become part of the documented record of an important national conference. You will hear more about the conference itself as the program evolves and when the final report is available. We are working very closely with the President's Council on Youth Fitness.

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FES STAFF ASSISTANCE

At an early date, Mr. Ferguson will again be asking State Directors what are the problems you are likely to need help from our staff during the next six months. Under the established plan, as you know, a semiannual letter is sent regarding assistance to States.

It helps us very much in planning travel if you can put your requests, at least roughly, into the list your director will no doubt send Mr. Ferguson. Some of you indicate alternative dates. That is helpful too in planning consecutive schedules to save travel budgets. Your good planning is essential so that our assistance can be available to help you meet the most important problems you have. If we are not offering the services you need most, we'll welcome comments on those too.

FANNIE R. BUCHANAN, AUTHOR OF 4-H SONGS, DIES

Fannie R. Buchanan died August 30 at her home in Grinnell, Iowa. She is known to 4-H members and leaders as the author of "Dreaming," "Plowing," and many other loved 4-H songs. Miss Gertrude L. Warren comments: "The contributions of Fannie Buchanan to the 4-H Club movement are beyond the power to measure adequately. She translated her own happy spirit, her rare creative ability, and her high ideals into inspiring songs that will forever lift the hearts of 4-H members and strengthen their desire to make their own best better--in their homes, in the fields, or wherever they may be."

In 1941, Miss Buchanan received a "Friend of 4-H" citation at National 4-H Club Camp.

Just recently, we had a letter from Jerry Lineweaver in the Philippines telling of the closing ceremony at their Fifth National 4-H Rally in that country. From Jerry's letter we quote: "As a part of the ceremony a letter was read which Miss Fannie Buchanan had written to the 4-H delegates in which she said that the spirit of 4-H and the spirit behind the 4-H songs which she has written is universal and that friendship can span the thousands of miles of ocean between us."

At the services, an Iowa 4-H Club girl sang "Dreaming," as a 4-H tribute to Miss Buchanan.

10TH ANNUAL REGIONAL 4-H CAMP

The 10th Annual Regional 4-H Camp had many outstanding program features. You will be interested in two digests of speeches made by Under Secretary True D. Morse on "Citizenship in the Making" and by Jesse Owens, world renowned athlete, who is now employed with the Illinois Youth Council. These are enclosed.

This year the program for the first time included a Fellowship Dinner which had Jesse Owens as the featured speaker. This feature was sponsored by the

National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work, and it made an outstanding contribution to the program.

The following four 4-H honorees were given awards during the Camp program:

J. E. Dickson - Retired County Agent
Dr. William J. L. Wallace - President of West Virginia State College
Miss Hattye Ethel Roseman - Mississippi Extension Secretary
Dr. E. B. Evans - President of Prairie View, Tex., A & M College

Since the 1957 Regional Camp highlighted the progress for ten years, a survey was made to ascertain the work of the "1079 former delegates." This survey gave evidence of the leadership which these former delegates are making and highlighted the camp theme, "Citizenship in the Making." We thought you would be interested in the results of this survey of former Regional Camp delegates. It is also enclosed.

KENNETH ANDERSON GOES TO SOUTH AMERICA

Kenneth Anderson, associate director of the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work, is once more responding to a call from our neighboring countries to the south. He is in Costa Rica assisting with a workshop for youth leaders of 16 countries. The program is similar to the one he helped with in Ecuador a year ago. It brings together professional youth leaders as well as some young people. Annie Gutierrez, 1956 National 4-H Achievement Awards winner from California, is attending the conference, courtesy of a California chemical company, as a living exemplification of 4-H in the United States.

NATIONAL AWARDS PROGRAMS

Beginning November 4, a group of 12 State 4-H Club workers will begin their important task of reviewing the records of some 1500 outstanding 4-H Club members. On the team will be Einer Olstrom, Ima Crisman, Florence Kimmelshue, Kenneth Coombs, Mildred Fizer, Harold Sweet, M. A. Rowzee, Anne Lee, Peggy Wilsförd, Bob Davis, Amy Kearsley and Cal Dodge---three from each of the four regions. Fern Shipley will serve as chairman and Tena Bishop will serve with the committee in anticipation of assuming the chairmanship next year. The Division of 4-H Club and YMW Programs furnishes the chairman, under the plan of rotating this assignment about every three years.

Miss Emmie Nelson and her helpers at the National Committee office will have worked long and hard in advance of the judging process to make sure that the records are properly processed.

Last year's judging committee proposed that we send you an alert with our Ideas letter for October. The core of that message is that we again urge you to emphasize brevity for the records you send to Chicago. If you have

last year's committee report, refer to Section II, page 2, for ten good ideas that will improve your records and make the judging easier. Brevity is the first point. The next one urges you to discourage odd-sized attachments to standard report forms. Actually, if the records are involved and complicated, the attention of the judges is distracted.

APPROVAL OF 4-H BY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY-SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

Again for 1957-58, National 4-H Club Congress and National 4-H Conference are approved by the Committee on National Contests and Activities of the National Association of Secondary-School Principals. We are delighted with this continued affirmation of the effective and fine working relationships between the Cooperative Extension Service and the established educational agencies. The endorsement extends also to the National 4-H awards programs.

4-H PARTICIPATION AT NATIONAL MEETINGS

National Conference on Citizenship:

4-H Club delegates at the September conference were Taylor Eubanks of Ark., Calvert Stewart of Md., Estred Baldwin, Minn., and Donna Pierson, Ore.--one member from each of the regions. Adult participant was Miss Elizabeth Davies of Wisconsin. Theme was "Imperatives for Peace."

Safety Event:

Miss Clyde Templeton, N.C., represented the 4-H Clubs at the National Farm Safety luncheon in Washington, D. C., Saturday, July 20. Clyde spoke ably on a panel over the National Farm and Home Hour. She was a national 4-H safety winner in 1956.

Youth Conference on Polio

Christine Sargent, Mass., and Don Riffin, Ark., represented 4-H Club work at a youth conference on polio in New York City on August 26-28. The purpose of the conference was to get ideas and suggestions from youth so that more teen-agers will be stimulated to get polio vaccinations. This conference was sponsored by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Up-to-date figures on the polio vaccination show that 70,000,000 Americans (64 percent of the population under 40) have started the inoculation series, and 20 percent have completed all three shots.

Tour for National Health Winners:

The six 1956 National health winners were guests of Eli Lilly Company of Indianapolis, Ind., for two days in August. The young people and their chaperones had an opportunity to see, first hand, research and production

of preventive medicines as well as to exchange ideas on 4-H health programs. The National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work and the Federal 4-H Division were represented.

American Home Economics Association Meeting:

Approximately 30 State and county home economics extension workers attended the session on 4-H Club work at the pre-convention meeting in St. Louis, June 24. The program was developed by Miss Charline Lindsay (Mo.). Program features were "Indiana's Leader Training Program," Edna Troth; "Influence of Program Content on Reenrollment," Marie Bishop; and "Young Adult Homemakers Program," Mrs. Marian Beebe.

New president of the college home economics clubs in AHEA is a Colorado 4-H girl, Miss Joanne Mangels of Sterling in Logan County. Formerly she was president of the Colorado-Wyoming section and helped that group organize outstanding career programs for high school students.

AUGUST ISSUE OF EXTENSION SERVICE REVIEW

Because of the heavy schedules and many 4-H events which took place during the summer months, you may have missed the special August issue of the Extension Service Review which features the Cooperative Extension Service. Mr. Ferguson has taken a great deal of personal interest in this particular issue, at the request of State extension directors. We call it to your attention as fundamental information for use in training programs, summer schools, and new agents' workshops.

SHE INSPIRES 4-H'ERS

This is the title of a feature article in the September issue of CO-ED, which describes a home economist in action. The special home economist written about is Ella Fazzalari (now Mrs. Clarence Smart), assistant home demonstration agent, Prince Georges County, Md., and a 1954-55 4-H Club fellow. CO-ED is called "the magazine for career girls and homemakers of tomorrow," and is published by Scholastic Magazines, which also publishes Practical Home Economics.

COVER PAGE FEATURES

Have you noted the attractive 4-H cover page on the September issue of Successful Farming? We liked the idea of featuring a father and son.

Another beautiful 4-H color feature is the cover page of The National Grange Monthly for September. Thanks to both editors.

TWO PROGRAMS FEATURE 4-H

We trust you were pleased with two recent opportunities for 4-H reporting to the Nation. The first was the Firestone program on September 16 where Mr. Harvey Firestone interviewed Marian Scott and David Bogue, Missouri and South Dakota respectively.

The second on September 29 was a 4-H segment on WIDE WIDE WORLD television program emanating from Tulsa, Okla. This is the third time 4-H has been featured on this program in the past two years.

In each case, many different persons worked hard with arrangements and follow-up. We appreciate their fine support.

ENTOMOLOGY EXHIBIT

During the annual meeting of the Entomological Society of America, Dec. 1-6, a 4-H entomology exhibit will be on display in the main lobby of the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tenn. It may also remain in place during two special cotton meetings to follow.

You may wish to check with your Extension entomologist about the possibility of having an exhibit from your State at these meetings. If so, correspond with HHarold B. Jones, 2772 Natches Lane, Memphis, Tenn., chairman of the exhibits committee. To date, 10 States have expressed intentions to send exhibits.

4-H EXHIBIT KIT

About 150 of the second 4-H exhibit kits are yet available. If you have plans for ordering, we suggest that you do so soon. It is not planned to keep this kit available beyond the present supply. Your orders should go directly to Ad-Print Silk Screen Process Co., 727 Third Street, N.W., Wash. 1, D. C. Page 26 of the September National 4-H News has a good picture of this exhibit.

SHARING LITERATURE

In the attached list of State publications, we note that several of you credit other States or other organizations with material that you have had permission to reprint or adapt. States are complimented when such a request is made. However, we are glad to note that you are including the courteous credit lines that recognize the original source.

SOME OF THE DATES AHEAD IMPORTANT TO 4-H AND YMW:

Sept. 30-Oct. 5	National Dairy Cattle Congress, Waterloo, Iowa
Oct. 2-6	RYUSA - State 4-H Club Camp, Jackson's Mill, W. Va. Theme--"Whither Rural America"
Oct. 8-12	National Dairy Conference, Chicago, Ill.
Oct. 18-20	Five State YMW Conference, Jackson's Mill, W. Va.
Oct. 19-26	American Royal Livestock Show, Kansas City, Mo.
Oct. 20-24	National Safety Congress, Chicago, Ill. 4-H participates in youth sessions themed to "Youth Backs the Attack"
Oct. 24	United Nations Day
Nov. 2	National 4-H Achievement Day
Nov. 18-21	Outlook Conference, Washington, D. C. 4-H Program Development Committee in Home Management will meet.
Nov. 22-28	Farm-City Week
Dec. 1-5	National 4-H Club Congress
Dec. 8-12	National Junior Vegetable Growers Association - 23rd annual meeting - at Springfield, Ill.
Feb. 13-16	Fifth Junior Fact Finding Conference (Poultry and Egg) - Kansas City, Mo.
Mar. 1-8	National 4-H Club Week Theme: 4-H Salute to Parents
Mar. 16-18	National Library Week

SHARING SOME OF THE GOOD IDEAS USED IN THE STATES

FARM AND HOME DEVELOPMENT:

Arkansas - An Initial Effort with Youth Involvement

A small leaflet has been prepared on young people's part in farm and home development. It outlines briefly a 5-year program for 4-H members in farm and home development families. A certificate has also been prepared to recognize young people who do the work prescribed for them.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER PROGRAMS:

Tennessee - New Agreement with Vo-Ag

A new memorandum of agreement defining relationships with Future Farmer and Future Homemaker organizations with 4-H Clubs has been signed by administrative heads of the University of Tennessee, Extension Service, State Department of Education and Division of Vocational Education. George Foster would be glad to send a copy of the policy statement to any States interested.

APPLYING RESEARCH:

New York - Agent Committees Help

Many county club agent committees are employed in carrying out the 4-H Club program. One such committee is devoted to 4-H extension studies. The committee reviews pertinent studies, summarizes the findings in capsule forms and distributes the information to other county club agents in the States. It also advises where the complete studies may be obtained on a loan basis.

ADULT AND JUNIOR LEADERSHIP:

Mississippi - Adult Leader Week

This year, for the first time, Mississippi has designated September 1-7 as 4-H Adult Leader Week. Aims of the week are to call attention to the value of adult leaders and to give them recognition. Also, definite plans were made to use the week as a time of special emphasis for leader training. Special materials were furnished by the State 4-H office.

Kansas - Junior Leadership Camp

Each day of the junior leadership camp was planned with a special theme: Career day with discussions by Kansas State College staff members, junior leadership day with the National 4-H Conference delegates taking part, outdoors day on Sunday with church services and an IFYE program, field day with a trip to Fort Riley, and a program on the wise use of time. Four of the 1956 campers have served on a continuation committee to work with extension personnel in planning the camp.

Missouri - Junior Leadership Gains

A five-fold increase, in 5 years' time, brings the present junior leader total to 2,622. A workshop is planned for November 7-8 for the junior leaders serving as chairmen of health committees. Three junior leader health chairmen and an adult from each of 50 counties will attend.

Texas - Training Laboratory

The Texas Junior Leadership Training Laboratory had its emphasis on human relations. Dr. Glenn Dildine was on hand to assist. Junior leadership is the special feature which Texas has used in the pilot study on citizenship.

Vermont - New England Meet

Burlington, Vt., is the location of the conference which brings 4-H junior leader representatives from the New England States. This year, the theme was "Come to Learn, Go Forth to Serve." Interest groups were held in camp counseling, first aid, good grooming, being a better junior leader, talks and demonstrations, 4-H programs, self expression, writing my 4-H history, and officer training.

CAREER GUIDANCE:

Career days and career guidance programs of all kinds are being held these days in many States. Here are 11 examples about which we have information. Do any other States have examples of greater emphasis on this important topic?

Idaho - "Calling All Careers" - is a repeat performance at the Idaho 4-H 4-H Club Congress. Career discussion opportunities were posted and delegates could go to hear about the career of their choice.

Indiana - For the third consecutive year, Dr. John Hicks, Assistant to the President at Purdue, was featured in a session at the State 4-H Junior Leader Training Conference on Careers Ahead.

Iowa - The Girls' Convention focused a panel discussion on "Your Future Beyond High School." At the Boys' Annual Short Course, the theme of "My Place in a Changing Iowa" emphasized discussions centering on vocational guidance. The speakers, all of Iowa State College, presented numerous aspects of agriculture--inside and out of the field of farming. Each of the delegates attended four guidance sessions.

Kansas - The August issue of "Kansas 4-H Journal" -- the "4-H family magazine" published by the Kansas 4-H Foundation, Inc. -- is devoted almost entirely to the career exploration subject. We especially like two articles--"County Agent Work as a Profession" and "Opportunities for You."

Maryland - A guidance section for young people was held during State 4-H Club Week. Mrs. Evelyn Murray of the U. S. Department of Labor, was the resource person.

Massachusetts - "Career Exploration" was used as the title of the State's 10th annual 4-H Teen-tour.

New Mexico - During their week for New Mexico, 4-H'ers held a feature session with a panel on career opportunities. Leading the discussion was a team of people from the New Mexico Employment Service and New Mexico A & M College.

North Carolina - C. C. Lang, of the 4-H Division, and Joe Tonkin, of the Audio-Visuals Division of FES, teamed up with the State staff to present and discuss careers with the 1,200 attending State 4-H Club Week. Joe Tonkin emphasized career opportunities in the broad field of communications, under the teaser title, "Trick or Miracle." The miracles were demonstrated with everything from "skunk oil" in a "squirt gun" to gumdrops.

Tennessee - Career exploration was featured again this year in the 4-H Roundup program. Dr. Andy Holt, Vice President of the University of Tennessee, addressed the group on "Careers for Youth," followed by panel discussion with a student representing each college.

Vermont - A great variety of different careers, about 50, were discussed at the 4-H Junior Leader Conference. Good features of the sessions were not only the large variety but the setting. Saturday, junior leaders were taken to the proper setting for the discussion on airplanes. Would-be pilots and airline stewardesses were taken to the airport. Those interested in dietetics were taken to the kitchen of a large hospital, etc.

Wisconsin - In special features for boys and girls during State 4-H Club Week, boys discussed "After High School, What Then"; girls discussed "Reflection in Your Future." University personnel led discussions.

MARKETING:

Colorado - Marketing Day at Denver Union Stockyards

4-H and FFA members in the Denver area participated September 12 in another of the successful marketing days. The marketing process is conducted in the same way as it ordinarily operates, but each group on the market was asked to explain to the young folks and their parents its step in the process. In June, Colorado had a lamb marketing day, conducted similarly, but with a further step. Each lamb was graded individually by packer buyers and marked with a crayon to indicate grade. Selling, weighing, and figuring returns were experienced by the young owners while on the market. Colorado also has an auction sale at Denver in December and another during the stock show in January.

Florida - Junior Citrus Institute for 4-H Club Members

Florida has a big citrus crop and requires much vertical integration in this type of project work. The Institute, which ties knowledge about financing, care, management, processing and marketing into one package, was held at Camp Cloverleaf, the new State 4-H Camp.

Illinois - Missouri - 4-H Beef Marketing Day

The Beef Marketing Day was held at National Stock Yards, Ill., on September 12. Staff members emphasized that this was a marketing event and not a show. Cattle were delivered to the yards on September 11 and were weighed, sorted into uniform lots and penned for sale.

Kansas - Rat Campaign for Clean Grain

In the interest of the clean grain programs, 4-H Clubs have been successful in sponsoring countrywide rat control campaigns. Some counties are now practically rat free.

North Dakota - Gain in Clean Grain Projects

A total of 1,400 club members carried clean grain projects last year. Activities included making bin surveys and improving storage structures where necessary.

Oklahoma - Grain Marketing Schools

Recognizing that marketing practices and technology expand influence on the income received from farm crops (including 4-H Club projects), emphasis was placed on training schools in grain marketing for 4-H Club members. Five area schools for members and leaders were conducted in cooperation with county agents this year. A total of 260 older youth and leaders received this training. These schools stressed instruction in the fundamentals of grain marketing and the relationship of the various segments of the grain industry in moving commodities from the farm to the consumer.

Oregon - Washington - Idaho - Marketing Program, October 16-17

A junior livestock marketing program at the Portland Union Stock Yards will replace 4-H Club and FFA youth activities at the Pacific International Livestock exposition this year. To be eligible a member must be enrolled in a beef, sheep or swine project and have one or more market animals ready to sell at the time of the tour. 4-H'ers will watch as their animals are sorted, weighed and delivered to buyers by commission agents. The young people will pay the usual marketing charges--feed, weighing, commission charges, transportation and yardage. Tours and some other program features are included in the two-day schedule.

SOME OTHER INTERESTING 4-H EVENTS:

Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Virginia - Regional Resource Development Conference

The seven States of the Tennessee Valley mixed together generous helpings of the cream of their senior club members at Fontana Valley, N. C. Some 200 boys and girls took a clear-eyed look at their natural and human resources and came up with some ideas about their own responsibilities and opportunities. The program appeared to have special appeal to older members.

Maryland - Pageant at 4-H Club Week

"We're on Our Way" was the title of a pageant dedicated to local leaders and featured at the Maryland 4-H Club Week final program. Mrs. Merle L. Howes returned to Maryland to stage the production. The pageant emphasized influence of courage, idealism, adventure, loyalty, vision.

New Mexico - Correspond with Boys and Girls in Spain

State 4-H Club Camp gave opportunity to plan for an interesting exchange of letters between 4-H'ers in New Mexico and young people in Spain.

New Jersey - Favorite Foods Show

The Favorite Foods event is a well established way to recognize members who achieve in the foods projects. A series of district activities lead into the State event at Trenton on December 9. A very attractive circular explains the six classes for entry, the rules of the show, and the score sheet.

Illinois - What National Campers Are Doing

A survey of 120 former National Campers from Illinois showed that 40 are now homemakers, 28 farmers, 3 farm managers, 14 are in the educational field. Eight operate business establishments and four are in Extension work. Fifty-one are currently active in Extension work and 83 are or have been 4-H leaders.

Tennessee - Program Projection

Again this year at the 4-H Roundup, practically all specialists' departments cooperated in working with older 4-H members. Besides giving older 4-H'ers valuable experience in program planning, suggestions made to the specialists about their projects will do much to strengthen the State program.

Vermont - Forestry Tour

Five hundred miles of northern Vermont woodlands were visited by 4-H members on an August tour for outstanding 4-H forestry project members. First stop was the State forestry tree nursery. Included in the program was a chance to attend the summer meeting of the New Hampshire-Vermont Christmas Tree Association. This is the 10th annual tour of its type.

West Virginia - Climax to Health Program

State 4-H King and Queen of Health were chosen in August, with selection being based 85 percent on the county health program and 15 percent on the illustrated health talk given by each county's two contestants. Following the coronation, the health idea was used in presenting an original pageant with the theme "4-H'ers Wise--Sanitize."

ENCLOSED FOR YOUR USE:

"Analysis of County Extension Advisory Councils"

An interesting analysis of county extension advisory councils or committees is enclosed with this issue of Ideas. A compilation shows trends over the past four years and is taken from annual statistical reports. We believe it is extremely significant that nearly 96 percent of all counties had 4-H councils or committees in 1956. There has been a marked increase in the total number of councils, their membership, meetings and attendance. There is an average of 2.4 of such 4-H councils with a membership of 82 percent per county. We were proud of the progress which State and county 4-H personnel have reported in this area.

List of State and Assistant State 4-H Club Leaders

Enclosed is a revised list of State and Assistant State 4-H Club Leaders. Please let us know if there are any additions or corrections in your State listings.

"Education Goes to the Fair"

Through the courtesy of National Education Association, we are able to provide you with a copy of this valuable booklet. An unusually fine publication, it stresses the educational aspects of fairs and how to achieve results through this important "show window." Be sure to note the list of references on page 1, and the score card for exhibits on page 10.

"It's Your Choice"

Young men approaching the age for military service are earnestly seeking guidance on how they can fulfill their military obligation. The booklet, "It's Your Choice," is prepared as a guide to the opportunities open to volunteers for military service.

Extension agents will find this a useful aid as they counsel with young men on this matter. Copies may be obtained by writing: It's Your Choice, Washington 25, D. C.

"Citizenship in the Making"

Under Secretary of Agriculture True D. Morse gave an inspiring message on citizenship to the delegates of the 10th Regional 4-H Club Camp. The mimeographed sheet summarizes his notes.

"Juvenile Delinquency: A Radical Approach"

The American Viewpoint, Inc., has provided us with one copy per State of this challenging monograph by Dr. James J. Brennan.

"Safety Makes Sense"

This chart, prepared for National Farm Safety Week, points up the big three responsible for accidental deaths of farm youth as: Machinery, Firearms and Drowning. A study of these may prompt us to take a hard look at our project and activity programs--maybe camps too.

"4-H Agronomy Literature"

The enclosed bibliography of State 4-H agronomy literature was prepared through efforts of the National 4-H Field Crops Program Development Committee. You will recall that literature was requested from you several months ago. This is an effort to provide you and your coworkers with a catalog of 4-H agronomy material and a listing of brief descriptions of promising techniques which are employed by the various States. A copy of this bibliography has been sent to your extension agronomist.

You may also want to take inventory in the 4-H field crop programs and check with the agronomy specialist on the use of the manual for local leaders, "Let's Make the Best Crops Better." Each State may order a supply of this leader's manual through Ty Thompson of the National Committee.

"4-H List of State Publications on Foods and Nutrition"

Dr. Evelyn Spindler has compiled the list of 4-H foods and nutrition publications in use, 1957. This is a part of the total foods list which she has prepared for extension nutrition specialists.

"Miss Young America in 4-H"

The enclosed reprint from Seventeen Magazine, September issue, portrays interests and 4-H activities of Sharon Thompson of Texas. This article is in tribute to all 4-H Club members, and is the third time that a 4-H girl has been so featured in an extensive story-picture spread.

"How Rotary Clubs Work with Rural Youth"

Enclosed are materials developed by Rotary International giving information on Rotary's interest in serving rural youth. The service clubs are a great resource supporting the 4-H Club program. Many Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions and other service clubs for men and women have special committees giving attention to how they can assist. Some States have well organized programs in cooperation with one or more service clubs.

A It has been proposed that we attempt to compile and document a
Reply list of examples of cooperative support as a guide for other
Requested States and service clubs. Will you send us information on some
 of the more important ways service clubs have supported club
 work in your State? Please send these to Mylo Downey.

NEWS OF OUR COWORKERS:

Miss Marian Larson is now at work in Alaska as the Territorial 4-H Club Leader, the first person in a full-time position of this sort in Alaska. She was formerly HDA in McLeod County, Minn., and has done graduate study at the Extension Training Center in Wisconsin.

Jesse James is the new State 4-H Club Leader in New Hampshire, moving from a county 4-H Club agent position in Massachusetts. He replaces C. B. Wadleigh, now on a foreign assignment to give guidance to youth programs in Greece.

J. B. Williams is chosen to be State 4-H Club Agent in South Carolina, a newly-created position. The district agent position formerly held by J. B. is to be filled by J. T. Rogers.

Evelyn Harne, has been named Assistant State 4-H Club Leader in Minnesota. Earlier, we reported the resignation of Gwen Bacheller from that position.

Delphia M. Bielmanier is chosen in South Dakota to be a member of the State 4-H Club staff. She comes from a homemaking instructor position there.

Two of last year's 4-H fellows are newly-chosen for State 4-H positions. Ann Thompson goes to Florida (formerly Alabama), and Harlan Copeland returns to his native Kansas but to a position on the State staff. Among his duties will be program leadership in recreation activities and IFYE.

A marriage of much interest is that of Bronna Mae Elkins and Grant Godwin, both of the Florida 4-H staff. Bronna Mae has resigned her position for full-time homemaking. Congratulations and best wishes to the couple.

Ingrid Tierese has returned from an interesting study experience in California and moves back into a busy schedule with 4-H Club work in Mississippi.

Dr. Lawrence Biever, known to many of you, is now Extension Specialist in 4-H Club work in the urban program in the Chicago area. He was one of the 4-H group at the Extension Center in Wisconsin last year. We understand that Mrs. Biever joins him in the assignment for girls' 4-H work for the next year.

Margaret Gulley, Assistant Leader on the Kentucky 4-H staff, has been on sick leave for the past few months, due to an operation. We are happy to report that she is back at work again.

Martha K. Fort, Assistant 4-H Club Specialist in Tennessee, has resigned to accompany her husband to Sydney, Australia. Mr. Fort will be doing research in chemistry at the University of Sydney. Martha hopes to work with the young farmer organization in Australia. Miss Anne Lee fills the vacancy on the Tennessee staff.

Mississippi has accepted the retirement of Miss Blanche Goad as of July 31. Miss Goad has been a pioneer in helping to establish truly effective 4-H programs, both in her native State and through national activities.

Paul C. Barker of California is receiving congratulations for reaching his 30th anniversary of service to 4-H. This was appropriately noted at the Junior Leadership Camp in his State.

Dr. Woodson W. Fishback, a new member of the FES staff in the Personnel Training Branch, Division of Extension Research and Training, comes to us with a background of 4-H Club membership in Missouri. He has also been a local 4-H leader, as well as active in other youth development programs.

Miss Stella Mitchell, formerly of Alabama, has recently joined the FES Division of Home Economics Programs. Her assignment will be the phases of home management having to do with work simplification and household equipment. Miss Mitchell reports she was a 4-H Club member in Alabama.

Some of you may have had this word, but many of you are asking if our North Dakota coworkers were hurt by the tornado. Staff members were spared injury; six extension workers' homes were destroyed including those of Director Haslerud, Tom Gildersleeve, George Strum, Merrill Burke, Orville Jacobson and Gladys Hansen. Our correspondence with Gladys reflects her wonderful philosophy of being able to accept emergencies with gratitude that her family escaped injury.

On leave for study, in addition to those mentioned in the last letter are: Miss Georgia Taylor, S. C., who is at the University of Maryland; and A. D. ("Doug") Aulenbacher, Calif., who is at Cornell.

"We are one." -- That was one of the highlight impressions a few of us got at a lunch recently with Estrid Baldwin, Minn., and Donna Pierson, Ore., 4-H Club representatives at a National Citizenship Conference with youth from other groups. In highlighting their impressions, they vividly told how a massing of colors ceremony "made us all feel like one, though we represented different groups, races and areas." They showed that they got real meaning out of seeing people from other lands become American citizens, from standing at the foot of the Lincoln Memorial, from singing America the Beautiful with a spotlight on our flag, and from youth discussing its own problems and what could be done back home.

One of our pleasant and rewarding opportunities of our work here is receiving visitors such as these young people and hearing first hand of their impressions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E. W. Aiton".

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